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1. COMMISSION OFFICIALS TELL US THAT THE GOI HAS NOW AGREED TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN EC/IRAN COOPERATION AGREEMENT ON DECEMBER 20-21. IRANIAN ECONOMICS AND FINANCE MINISTER ANSARI WILL PARTICIPATE IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. COMMISSION OFFICIALS SAY THAT ONCE THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE OPENED, THEY EXPECT TO HOLD SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH IRANIAN OFFICIALS OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS TO OBTAIN AN IDEA OF SPECIFIC GOI REQUESTS. THEY ALSO PLAN TO WORK WITH MEMBER STATE EXPERTS IN DRAWING UP A DETAILED NEGOTIATING MANDATE FOR THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO CONSIDER. UNDER ITS CURRENT PARTIAL MANDATE, THE COMMISSION IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE WITH IRAN ON TRADE ISSUES, ESPECIALLY EC IMPORTS FROM IRAN OF REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. (SEE EC BRUSSELS 11193.) HINTON

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